

# Discussion 1

## Discussion on Topic: Immigration

4 debate conversationalists: [Ada Lawson](#), [Ashley Thurston](#), [Johnnie Helm](#), [Helga Bass](#)

Debating merits of article, "**US child migrants: Sessions defends border separations**" (Source: **BBC News** | Bias: **CENTRIST**).

The 4 conversationalists were given the article to read, and **3 rounds** to discuss the same.

### ----- FAMILIARITY WITH THE ISSUE -----

#### [Ada Lawson](#)

Current view influenced by reading 4 articles on Topic: Immigration.

attitude: LEAN RIGHT(0.5) | opinion: SLIGHTLY LEAN RIGHT(0.33) | uncertainty: 0.17

#### [Ashley Thurston](#)

Current view influenced by reading 6 articles on Topic: Immigration.

attitude: LEAN LEFT(-0.5) | opinion: MODERATELY LEFT(-0.64) | uncertainty: 0.14

#### [Johnnie Helm](#)

Current view influenced by reading 4 articles on Topic: Immigration.

attitude: LEAN RIGHT(0.5) | opinion: LEAN RIGHT(0.55) | uncertainty: 0.05

#### [Helga Bass](#)

Current view influenced by reading 8 articles on Topic: Immigration.

attitude: CENTRIST(0.0) | opinion: SLIGHTLY LEAN LEFT(-0.18) | uncertainty: 0.18

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INSTRUCTION: The conversationalists were asked to read and evaluate the article with its CENTRIST bias and to publicly declare their opinions on the issue as influenced by the article and any prior familiarity with the issue.

--> [Ada Lawson's](#) response to the article indicated their opinions were SLIGHTLY LEAN RIGHT (0.33)

--> [Ashley Thurston's](#) response to the article indicated their opinions were MODERATELY LEFT (-0.64)

--> [Johnnie Helm's](#) response to the article indicated their opinions were LEAN RIGHT (0.55)

--> [Helga Bass's](#) response to the article indicated their opinions were SLIGHTLY LEAN LEFT (-0.18)

The conversationalists gave their opening statements to persuade the others to their views.

### ----- Round 1 -----

INSTRUCTION: Conversationalists were asked to make a short argument to persuade the other debaters to adopt their position. They were asked to select all debaters whose arguments resonated with them.

3 groups of like minded individuals formed:

--> [Ashley Thurston](#) (MODERATELY LEFT:-0.64) and [Helga Bass](#) (SLIGHTLY LEAN LEFT:-0.18) found their views aligned with one another

--> No one agreed with the **Article's** (CENTRIST:0) view.

--> [Ada Lawson](#) (SLIGHTLY LEAN RIGHT:0.33) disagreed with the rest.

--> [Johnnie Helm](#) (LEAN RIGHT:0.55) disagreed with the rest.

### ### Round Event Summary ###

Too many differing opinion groups present. Public Opinion not formed on the matter.

[Ada Lawson](#) did not agree with the other opinions.

They realized their expressed opinions did not truly match their internal attitudes.

They tried to reconcile the difference.

[Ada Lawson](#) updated their view rating

Ashley Thurston was swayed by Helga Bass's argument.  
They decided to change their rating to indicate the same.  
Ashley Thurston updated their view rating

Johnnie Helm did not agree with the other opinions.  
They realized their expressed opinions did not truly match their internal attitudes.  
They tried to reconcile the difference.

Johnnie Helm updated their view rating

Helga Bass did not agree with the other opinions.  
They realized their expressed opinions did not truly match their internal attitudes.  
They tried to reconcile the difference.

Helga Bass updated their view rating

#### ----- Round 2 -----

INSTRUCTION: Conversationalists were asked to make a short argument to persuade the other debaters to adopt their position. They were asked to select all debaters whose arguments resonated with them.

3 groups of like minded individuals formed:

--> Ashley Thurston (LEAN LEFT:-0.46) and Helga Bass (CENTRIST:0) agreed with the **Article's** position

--> Ada Lawson (LEAN RIGHT:0.42) disagreed with the rest.

--> Johnnie Helm (LEAN RIGHT:0.53) disagreed with the rest.

#### ### Round Event Summary ###

Too many differing opinion groups present. Public Opinion not formed on the matter.

Ada Lawson did not agree with the other opinions.

They realized their expressed opinions did not truly match their internal attitudes.  
They tried to reconcile the difference.

Ada Lawson updated their view rating

Ashley Thurston was swayed by Helga Bass and the **Article's** argument.

They decided to change their rating to indicate the same.

Ashley Thurston updated their view rating

Johnnie Helm did not agree with the other opinions.

They realized their expressed opinions did not truly match their internal attitudes.  
They tried to reconcile the difference.

Johnnie Helm updated their view rating

Helga Bass was swayed by Ashley Thurston and the **Article's** argument.

They decided to change their rating to indicate the same.

Helga Bass updated their view rating

#### ----- Round 3 -----

INSTRUCTION: Conversationalists were asked to make a short argument to persuade the other debaters to adopt their position. They were asked to select all debaters whose arguments resonated with them.

2 groups of like minded individuals formed:

--> Ashley Thurston (SLIGHTLY LEAN LEFT:-0.33) and Helga Bass (CENTRIST:-0.08) were in accordance

--> No one agreed with the Article's (CENTRIST:0) view.

--> Ada Lawson (LEAN RIGHT:0.46) and Johnnie Helm (LEAN RIGHT:0.52) were in accordance

#### ### Round Event Summary ###

Since there were only 2 distinct clusters of opinions, it seemed as though Public Opinion had formed.

Ada Lawson realized the opinion they expressed was inconsistent with their internal attitude on the article. They looked for the group with views closest to their own expressed opinions. The closest group was the one with Johnnie Helm.

Ada Lawson thought about whether the group opinion was strong enough. After an internal debate Ada Lawson realized that the strength of the group's convictions was too weak.

Ada Lawson did not change their mind.

Ashley Thurston realized the opinion they expressed was inconsistent with their internal attitude on the article. They looked for the group with views closest to their own expressed opinions. The closest group was the one with Helga Bass.

Ashley Thurston thought about whether the group opinion was strong enough. After an internal debate Ashley Thurston felt that the strength of the group's convictions was too weak.

Ashley Thurston did not change their mind.

Johnnie Helm realized the opinion they expressed was inconsistent with their internal attitude on the article. They looked for the group with views closest to their own expressed opinions. The closest group was the one with Ada Lawson.

Johnnie Helm thought about whether the group opinion was strong enough. After an internal debate Johnnie Helm realized that the strength of the group's convictions was too weak.

Johnnie Helm did not change their mind.

Helga Bass realized the opinion they expressed was inconsistent with their internal attitude on the article. They looked for the group with views closest to their own expressed opinions. The closest group was that of the Article.

Helga Bass thought about whether the group opinion was strong enough. After an internal debate Helga Bass realized that the strength of the group's convictions was too weak.

Helga Bass did not change their mind.

